

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 906

By Campfield

A RESOLUTION to commend Benjamin Hadden for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Hadden is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Stacey Campfield and Representative Frank Niceley; Benjamin's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the son of Wallace and Mary Hadden, Benjamin is a graduate of Centennial High School and obtained his associate's degree at Columbia State Community College where he graduated *magna cum laude*; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee Knoxville, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Benjamin Hadden has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Hadden saw duty in Cuba as a Sentry and in Iraq, where he served as a Fire Direction Chief, Squad Leader/Section Leader, and Vehicle Commander; and

WHEREAS, in recognition for his distinguished military service, Mr. Hadden was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Combat "V", two Iraq Campaign Medals, three Sea Service Medals, the Global War on Terror Ribbon, the National Defense Ribbon and the Combat Action Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Benjamin brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2012 session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2012 legislative session, Benjamin Hadden has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, the winner of the Most Bi-Partisan Intern Award, Mr. Hadden is known for having one of the best beards in the Legislative Plaza, helping turn LP 4 from a cave into an actual-looking office, receiving two sticky notes of praise from Ruth Adams, a former legislative assistant, and his love of hot sauce on any food; and

WHEREAS, he ably assumed all official duties of Senator Campfield's Executive Assistant, Bryan Dodson, whenever required and upon a moment's notice, maintaining the continuity and functionality of the office; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a legislative intern, he answered over 200 phone calls and 3,000 emails from all over the United States and abroad during "Monkeygate"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hadden has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Benjamin H. Hadden for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Stacey Campfield and Representative Frank Niceley and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.